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1. The highest Chinese Communist naval authority is the Naval Military Committee<sup>1</sup>, which functions through the following departments:
  - a. Naval General Headquarters (GHQ), commanded by LU Cheng-ts'ao (呂正操). Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Communist Navy (CCN).
  - b. Naval Administration Department.
  - c. Naval Political Department.
2. The Naval Military Committee is assisted by some of the 1,200 Soviet naval and technical advisers in the Port Arthur-Dairen area and is in contact with the Soviet Naval Mission in North Korea. Soviet advisers supervise the CCN training program. Also, 11 Soviet submarines have been sent to operate with the CCN in carrying out secret transportation, communication and reconnaissance.
3. Subordinate to CCN GHQ are the following headquarters:
  - a. Northeast China Military District Naval Headquarters (NCOMDNEHQ), commanded by LU Cheng-ts'ao. Under it is the Sungari River Fleet, also commanded by LU, which has 9 gunboats (5 of which were captured from Manchukuo) which were given to the CCN by the USSR.
  - b. East China Military District Naval Headquarters (ECOMDNEHQ), commanded by CHANG Shen-p'ing (張慎卿)<sup>2</sup>. Under it are the following fleets:
    1. The 1 Fleet, a river fleet which is commanded by CHANG. It has 47 gunboats and inland navigation vessels of 10-25 tons displacement each, or a total displacement of 1,300 tons. Its bases are Nanking, Taihu (120-, 31-) and Chenchiang (119-28, 32-12).
    2. The 2 Fleet, a coastal defense fleet which is commanded by LIN Tsun (林遵), a defected Nationalist naval officer. All of its forces-- 16 gunboats and other vessels with a total displacement of 21,437 tons -- are inoperable and under repair at Nanking.
4. The Swatow Patrol Fleet<sup>3</sup> consists of one gunboat, the KUO KUANG, and three

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steamboats at anchor in Swatow Harbor.

5. There are 43 operable ships which may be used for coastal defense. One is the CHUNGKING<sup>4</sup>. The rest displace a total of 65,118 tons: 39 are unarmed craft of UNRRA and the China Merchant Steamship Navigation Company (CMSNC) and 3 are armed landing vessels. An 810-ton (sic) destroyer and 23 gunboats (12 of which were received from the USSR and 8 purchased in Hong Kong), total displacement 16,850 tons, are under repair and, except for those heavily damaged, should be in service by April 1950. Listed as damaged beyond repair are 2 destroyers (total displacement 1,830 tons), 4 gunboats (2,995 tons), 1 repair ship (2,910 tons) and 2 landing vessels (6,640 tons).
6. Thirteen river gunboats, total displacement 3,595 tons, are in service. Size variations are indicated by the fact that Gunboat No. 1 displaces 80 tons and Gunboat No. 102 displaces 34 tons. Also available for inland navigation are 11 patrol boats, total displacement 110 tons; 16 25-ton landing vessels; a 251-ton minesweeper; 45-ton PT boat; 9 patrol vessels and gunboats provided by the USSR; and 2 gunboats, the T'UN HSIN and T'UNG TE<sup>5</sup>, captured from the Nationalists at Chungking.
7. Since December 1949 Shanghai Dockyards Ltd., Kiangnan Dockyards and the CMSNC dockyards, all in Shanghai, have been maintaining 24-hour working schedules in an effort to complete 500 barges of 100-200 tons displacement each by 1 April 1950. In addition, Shanghai Dockyards Ltd. has repaired the WEI YUAN, a gunboat (PG), since September 1949. After the Communists repaired the Hsiao Chiang Dockyards, Tsingtao, the HUANG An (a gunboat - PG) and a landing vessel entered the dockyard in October 1949, were repaired and left in December 1949. The Mawei (119-26, 25-59) Naval Shipyard and the Amoy Naval Shipyard recondition and construct small vessels.
8. The Hsiao Wu Shipyard, Dairen, is building small armor-plated ships for the Communists. These craft, which are painted black, are used as junk tugs and convoy vessels for merchant shipping between Chefoo (121-24, 37-22) and Tsingtao. Communists are also purchasing in the Dairen area private steamships from Korea. These ships, displacing about 80 tons each, are exchanged by their Korean owners for 80 bolts of cotton cloth, which is considered a high price<sup>7</sup>.

- 25X1X 1. [REDACTED] Presumably it is subordinate to the People's Revolutionary Military Committee.
- 25X1X 2. [REDACTED] and in all other information available to this office as CHANG Ai-ping.
- 25X1X 3. [REDACTED] Presumably this fleet is subordinate to ECMDNHQ.
- 25X1X 4. [REDACTED] The raising of the CHUNGKING is still a matter of conjecture.
- 25X1X 5. [REDACTED] Previously given by other sources as YING SHAN and YING TE.
6. See [REDACTED] 25X1A
- 25X1X 7. [REDACTED] Commodity prices in early January 1950 would make this equal around US \$600. 25X1X
- 25X1X [REDACTED] This report differs radically with [REDACTED]

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